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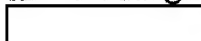
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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 18 November 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell  
Col. Burke



Mr. Cunningham



2. [redacted] Concerning a [redacted] operation, Col. Beerli had recently discussed the security problems he had encountered in the [redacted] and the lengths to which he had gone to hold down this knowledge within his own unit. A general discussion on this subject included the thoughts that certain Air Force airlift messages should be encrypted and that pre-mission knowledge should be strictly limited within this Headquarters and within the intelligence community. Mr. Bissell commented that concerning pre-mission knowledge within the community, the policy was quite clear but the

NRO review(s) completed.

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25X1 practice was not, especially among requirements people. He asked Col.  
25X1 Burke to check this point and in general to monitor the control of knowl-  
edge of [ ] staging.

25X1 Concerning the availability of Lockheed crews for operations  
in the immediate future, [ ] said there would be three crews  
available to Detachment B in December, four on 1 January and five on  
15 January.



4. Test Status Board -



✓ b. Dual Oxygen System - LAC is still working on  
a completely automatic dual system. [ ] felt  
that possibly more formal emphasis should be placed on this  
subject since it is one of long standing for which a firm  
proposal has not yet been submitted by LAC. Mr. Bissell was  
of the opinion that LAC is probably doing everything possible,  
since oxygen is an especially sensitive subject with Kelly  
Johnson. Mr. Bissell asked Col. Burke and [ ] to  
get a thorough and up-to-date reading of LAC's progress and  
opinions. It was brought out that [ ] who is  
intimately familiar with this subject, was out of town and  
might be able to give a clear indication of dual system  
status as a result of his recent trip to Edwards.

LAC is still using the dual regulator arrangement  
in their seatpacks.

There has been a suggestion by Col. Beerli to pro-  
vide an emergency system using a separate oxygen supply  
located in the left map case. It proposes connecting into

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the suit and breathing lines using "Y" fittings. In the event the aircraft oxygen pressure would drop to a certain value, a check-valve in the alternate line would automatically open, permitting oxygen to flow in from the emergency source. [redacted] and LAC have stated that this proposal is dangerous. The exact reason for this position is not known at this time, but will be investigated.

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At the instigation of L/Col. Sid Brewer, LAC is developing a low oxygen pressure indicator system using lights. This gives pilots an advance warning of possible trouble while there is still adequate pressure. The development of this system will be followed for possible use in our aircraft.

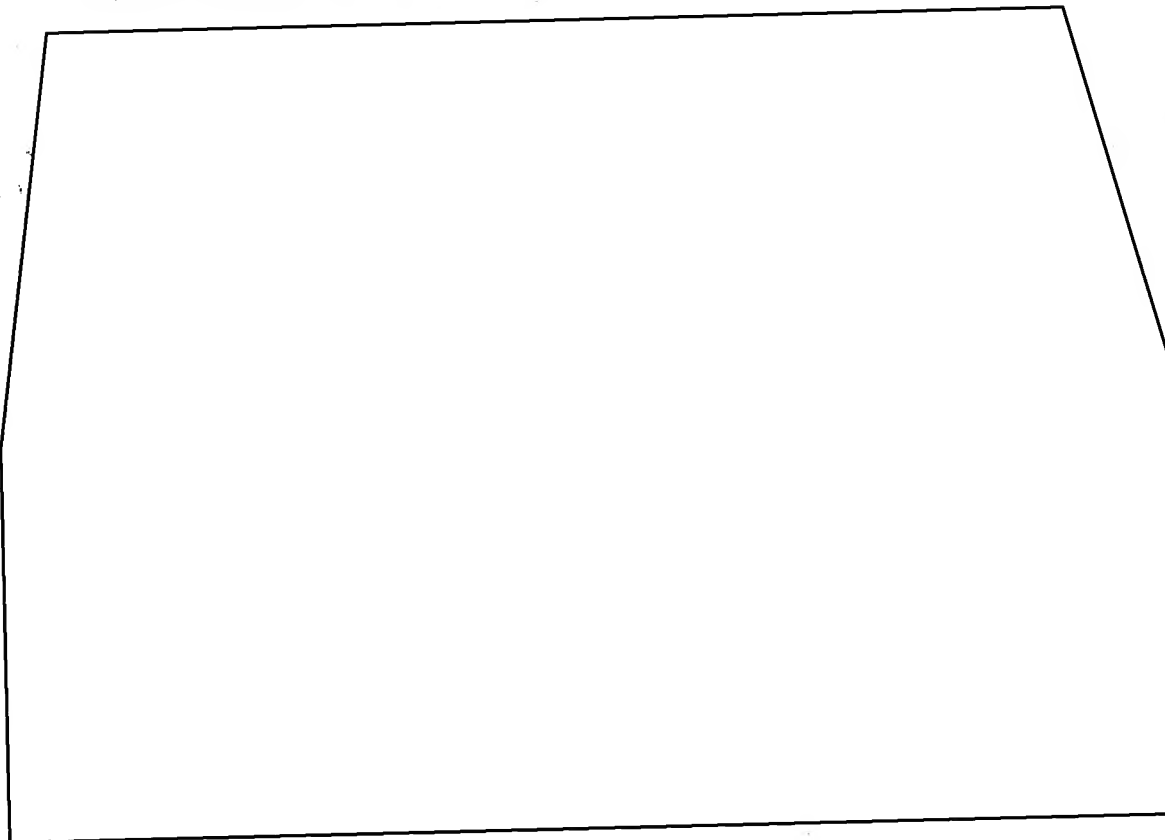
ACTION: Col. Burke, [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he would circulate for staff comment a document entitled "Project CHALICE Oxygen System and Personal Equipment Program" which is an SOP for the procurement, allocation, inspection and utilization of the oxygen seatpack kits and associated personal equipment.

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6. [ ] Directive - A counter draft of a [ ] directive has been prepared by [ ] Points of difference between the Development & Procurement Section and the Ops Section are to be ironed out between them under the chairmanship of Col. Burke.

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ACTION: Col. Burke

7. Staff Directive - The preparation of a staff directive logically should await the completion of the [ ] directive. The staff directive will include all DPS responsibilities and will not be limited to Development & Procurement activities.

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8. CORONA Clearances - [ ] stated that CORONA clearances in ARDC had recently been reduced to a total of four. In this connection, Mr. Bissell wished to have the relationship of Col. Norman Appold explained to BMD with an eye to focusing our relationships in ARDC on General Flickinger and Col. Appold, both of whom have been most helpful in the past. Mr. Bissell also desired that Col. Geary be brought up to date on this relationship.

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ACTION: [ ]



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10. SA/PD Work Load - Mr. Bissell commented that as a result of some anticipated changes in the subjects to which he would be required to devote his time, he wished to request that certain practices be adhered to within the DPS staff, as follows:

a. Paper work calling for a signature of the SA/PD where such signature is not really meaningful should be eliminated.

b. Security matters which do not require the personal action of the SA/PD should not be referred to him.

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c. Matters requiring the consideration or approval of the SA/PD should be funneled to him through Col. Burke.

d. Greater reliance should be placed by the various DPS sections on the experience and knowledge of each other.

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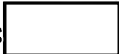


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